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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Takayuki YAGI et al.) : Examiner: K. Nguyen
Application No.: 09/819,672✓) : Group Art Unit: 2881
Filed: March 29, 2001) : Confirmation No.: 3159
For: ELECTRON OPTICAL SYSTEM ARRAY,) : Allowed: February 24, 2004
CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM EXPOSURE : March 4, 2004
APPARATUS USING THE SAME, AND)
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD :
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Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance dated February 24, 2004, in the above-identified application. Applicants filed a Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on January 30, 2004, prior to issuance of the Office Action on February 24, 2004. To date, those papers have not been indicated as being considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner indicate consideration of the material submitted in this Information Disclosure Statement by initialing and returning a copy of the PTO-1449 form attached to the Information Disclosure Statement. Attached, for the Examiner's convenience, are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, the

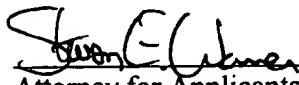
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Applicants believe that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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